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## NILES MOTOR SALES TAKES FORD AGENCY

SAGINAW COUNTY MEN FORM  
COMPANY, PURCHASE JOHN-  
SON & MOBLO HOLDINGS

### Took Possession Here Sunday

The Niles Motor Sales Company, a newly organized concern here, has taken over the recently constructed Ford garage building at the corner of West Superior street and Park avenue, and has also taken the Ford agency, purchasing the interests of Johnson & Moblo. Mr. Moblo became interested in the garage only a short time before the sale to the new company, which took over the active management of the affairs there on Sunday.

The members of the Niles Motor Sales Company are well known men in the automobile business. G. V. Niles, who will be the active manager of the company here, comes to Alma from Saginaw. He has been a Ford dealer for a number of years, up to four years ago. Peter C. Purden, one of the members of the company, is a banker at Reese, who is interested in a number of Ford agencies. Fred A. Farker, the third member of the company, is also from Reese. He is the Ford dealer at that place. The qualifications of the men to handle the Ford agency here is thus seen to be of a high character, as they are all of them experienced, not only in the automobile selling end of the business but have had experience in the particular product that they will handle in this city. Mr. Niles will move to Alma as soon as he can secure a suitable residence.

Mr. C. M. Johnson, who has been a Ford dealer in this city for the past nine years, will be greatly pleased in Alma business circles. He has proven himself a hustler and was always interested in affairs that worked for the betterment of the community. Because of the condition of his health it is expected that he will enjoy a vacation of from six months to a year before again attempting to enter business fields. Mr. Moblo of Riverdale, who recently acquired an interest in the concern, did not become actively connected here before the sale to the Niles Motor Sales Company.

## SPEND FORTUNES FOR FAKE CURES

AMERICAN PEOPLE SPEND BIG  
SUM FOR FAKE TUBERCU-  
LOSIS CURES, REPORT

At least \$15,000,000 is spent each year by the American people for fake "cures" for tuberculosis, according to Dr. H. A. Pattison, medical field secretary of the National Tuberculosis Association. And all these fake "cures" are backed up by testimonials of persons who have used them. Every well informed doctor knows that there is no medicine that can cure tuberculosis, but most of the people who give such testimonials are entirely sincere, according to Dr. Pattison.

It is a well known fact that victims of this disease will respond favorably to any suggestion of a "cure" remedy. That is, they will respond favorably for a short time, and it is during that time that the fake medicine manufacturers secure their testimonials. Dr. Pattison tells of the case of a group of physicians who proved his theory by injecting warm milk into the arms of a number of tuberculosis patients and informing them with great emphasis that they were administering a sure cure for tuberculosis. The result of this harmless injection were immediately apparent, the cough lessened, fever decreased, and the whole appearance of the patients improved. But within a few weeks the improvement was gone.

And this is also the history of the fake "cures," but during the brief period of improvement, the manufacturers secure the testimonials by means of which they induce others to buy their products.

The rock-bottom fact that every tuberculosis sufferer in Michigan should hold on to, according to the Michigan Tuberculosis Association, is that there is no medicine that can cure tuberculosis. Those who have had fact firmly fixed in their minds will not waste time on fake "cures" but will use the sure methods that are followed in a well equipped sanatorium.

## Clark Disposes of Several Cases

A number of cases were disposed of by Prosecuting Attorney Romaine Clark before Judge Moynet in circuit court at Ithaca Tuesday.

Eman Simons, arrested for passing bad checks, was given from six months to a year at Ionia, when he made a plea of guilty.

Elmer Clark, St. Louis young man, arrested for passing bad checks, was placed on a stringent probation for three years, must make good the checks and pay the costs.

Homer Fontaine, who manufactured liquor for himself, and was caught when he inhaled a little too much of the "home brew" was given a stiff fine and placed on probation for three years.

Ray Baxter entered a plea of guilty to a very serious charge. Sentence was deferred pending further investigation.

Emmett Little of St. Louis was arrested for forging a check was given from 18 months to 14 years, with a recommendation by the court that he serve two years.

## SCATTERGOOD MAKES A FIND

WATCH CASE YIELDS UP WHAT  
APPARENTLY IS A DIMINUTIVE  
SNAKE, FRIDAY

It was with suspicion, it must be confessed, that we listened to the story that A. B. Scattergood, well-known local jeweler, had found what appeared to be a diminutive snake, in a watch that he was repairing on Friday last, yet, in all fairness, it must be stated that our secret thoughts underwent a complete change as the evidence was produced which indicated how groundless and base our suspicions had been.

Right before our eyes in the jewelry store was placed the diminutive object, which certainly resembled a reptile. It seemed the mere so when viewed through the glasses that were thrust in our hands. The object was only a quarter of an inch long. It seemingly was of a light color, almost the color of real healthy jersey cream. It was spotted with very small spots of a deep, dark brown. Its head, seemingly, was about the same as the head of any of the common varieties of snakes. The reptile, if that is what it proves to be, has the same means of locomotion that the members of the reptile family have.

Mr. Scattergood said that when he was repairing a watch on Friday the diminutive reptile dropped out of the case. He naturally was astonished at his find. Later he said that Professor MacCurdy of Alma College had called at the jewelry store and looked over the discovery for some little time, and that he had not been able to place it among the various bugs, beasts or crawling creatures that he knew.

As a result the find was sent to M. A. C. by Professor MacCurdy and it is expected that soon it will be learned definitely just what the find was that Mr. Scattergood has uncovered.

## May Experiment With Earthcrete

The city commission is discussing the advisability of paving Marquette avenue with Earthcrete, as a means of testing out the claims for this process of paving made by a Grand Rapids company, and also to furnish the Northern Wheel Company with a good road from its plant to Republic avenue. If the city undertakes to pave Marquette avenue with Earthcrete it is expected that only a six-inch foot span will be placed on the street, which it is estimated will cost about \$1,000 for the block. Earthcrete as a pavement is said to be far cheaper than the ordinary concrete and to have wearing qualities as good as the concrete.

## ATTEND CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rycraft, superintendent and matron of the county infirmary, near Ithaca, attended the annual convention of the superintendents of the poor and the keepers and matrons of Michigan which was held at the court house in Traverse City last week. A fine program and a night-seeing trip was provided for those present. There were 150 in attendance, representing 60 counties of the state. They were treated to a fine ride about the grounds of the state hospital and also were given the privilege of going through most of the buildings, which contain about 2,000 inmates at present. Mr. and Mrs. Rycraft report a fine time and a pleasant trip. The next annual meeting will be held at Alpena.

## COLLEGE HAS A HARD SCHEDULE FOR FOOTBALL

CAMPELL WILL ARRIVE HERE  
THIS WEEK AND START THE  
WORK ON GRIDIRON

### First Practice to Be September 13

The kind of a football team that will represent Alma College this year is a question that only the coming weeks can tell, but it is certain that it will be a big improvement over the aggregation that represented the Maroon and Cream last year. The kind of a team that it will be will depend upon the veterans who return, the new men who come in, and the football coaching ability shown by Coach Roy Campbell, who will arrive here next week to start work on the grid field in preparation for the opening practice on September 13.

There will be a number of old men back this year. They will be much better than last year. The improvement, it is believed, will be greater than that which is usually shown from one season to another, as those who watched the team closely a year ago feel that Coach Steele did not get all of the results that should have been achieved.

Campbell is believed to have the ability. His record indicates that, and his Alma Major showed good judgment in his selection as athletic director. Four years at the University of Detroit and two years at Knox College, Illinois, is the only proof needed to his ability. It was Campbell who put the U. of D. on the map in football.

Efforts have been banded during the summer weeks to line up a good bunch of new material for the grid season, and there is every indication that Alma will have some classy grid warriors in the fresh class. The schedule, which has been arranged for the Maroon and Cream is the best balanced schedule that any team of the association has this year, even though it starts off with the tilt with the Michigan Aggies. After that game the team starts with the easier games and gradually works up to the final hard games of the year, those with Hillsdale, Albion and Kalamazoo colleges. Eight games are on the schedule for this fall, and of these five are Michigan intercollegiate schools. Adrian is the only association team that Alma does not meet. The schedule:

October 1, Michigan Aggies at East Lansing.  
October 8, Detroit Junior College at Detroit.  
October 15, Hope College at Alma.  
October 22, Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.  
October 29, Olivet College at Alma.  
November 5, Hillsdale College at Hillsdale.  
November 12, Albion College at Albion.  
November 19, Kalamazoo College at Alma.  
If arrangements can be made and a satisfactory date settled upon it is the intention of the Maroon and Cream football management to schedule a contest here with the Mount Pleasant Normals.

## St. Louis Cops Second Ball Game

The St. Louis Independents took the Republic A. A.'s into camp Sunday in a see-saw ball game by a score of 19 to 9, making one game for each of the aggregations. Poor support of the local hurler by a crippled diamond team was the cause of the downfall of "Herb" Swiss' bunch of ball tossers. Allen, who has pitched considerable baseball for teams in this vicinity for the past ten or dozen years, started the contest for the A. A.'s but gave way to Manion, after poor support had given the visitors a lead. Manion proved mighty effective for a few innings, and was given air support. Before the contest ended, however, the supporting cast again went bad. It is understood that the A. A.'s are considerably disappointed in the result of the contest and that they are figuring on challenging the St. Louis team to another contest.

## POSTOFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

Monday, Sept. 5, being a legal holiday, the postoffice will be closed all day. There will be no city or rural deliveries, but the lobby will be open all day for the use of lock box patrons. Mail will be dispatched as usual.

## HIGH SCHOOL

All students desiring to go to high school this year must classify either Friday or Saturday, Sept. 2 and 3. A. C. Luchman.

## Start Forty Acre Muck Land Test

East Lansing, August 31.—Information of value to Michigan muck land farmers will be sought at a special experiment station just established at M. A. C., according to announcement of Dr. M. M. McCool, head of the college soils department.

Rapidly increasing need for added tests on the management and fertilization of muck soils led Dean R. S. Shaw to set aside acreage from the M. A. C. farm. Many of the experiments will be of a permanent nature, various problems of muck farming being taken up in detail.

Difficulty of obtaining manure for the fertilization of such lands, especially for intensive crop production, makes it necessary to find a partial substitute. It is probable that commercial carriers of plant food will, in a large measure, be found practical, according to Dr. McCool. Just what is required and the amounts for all crops will be determined if possible.

Problems of drainage and tillage on muck lands, pasture production, and the question of raising to nutritional value of grasses grown on such soils will be included in the experimental program. Additional tracts of muck in the state will be obtained for experimental work, according to present plans, while co-operative demonstrations now in progress on fifteen farms will be continued and others added, according to the announcement.

## ALMA MAIL POUCH THEIVES LOCATED

REX ALLEN AND ARTHUR HICKS  
OF ST. LOUIS SAID TO HAVE  
STOLEN POUCH

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of a mail pouch from a mail truck at the depot on the night of Christmas, 1920, has at last been cleared up, according to local police officials.

Rex Allen, now serving a sentence in Ionia Reformatory, and Arthur Hicks, both St. Louis lads, were mixed in the affair, according to a confession that Hicks is said to have made to local officials and a member of the sheriff's force. Hicks was taken from his home in St. Louis to the county jail at Ithaca to await the arrival of federal officers.

It is said that the confession of young Hicks places the actual taking of the pouch on Allen. Hicks is also said to maintain that it was Allen who cut open the pouch, which was located weeks afterwards in a manure spreader near the Hyde Implement store rooms, located on the alley in the rear of the Robinson State street store.

Little of real value was secured from the pouch, it was understood at the time a large quantity of money went through the mails here on the previous night, according to reports, it was at first thought that perhaps the pouch might have been taken by some person who knew the money was being shipped, but that this person took the pouch on the wrong night.

## Placing Pavement On Wright Avenue

Although all of the work of excavating on Wright avenue has not yet been completed, the firm of Bartling Crane & Holmes has started laying concrete paving on this state trunk line highway.

The work of excavating on the north end at the city limits, and south to Elwell street has been completed and workmen are now laying the pavement on that section. The work was started at the city limits. It is the hope of the Alma firm that it may have the road paved as far south as Wright avenue by Saturday night, provided that there are no unexpected delays in securing material.

## ACCIDENT SUNDAY

Albert Ray, Alma barber, went in to a ditch with his Ford near the Ely school Sunday morning, when he turned out for another auto. The Ford turned upside down, smashing the top and windshield, yet Mr. Ray was not injured. Ruben Gillette, who was in the car with him, was bruised slightly.

## ORGANIZE TUESDAY

The organization meeting of the Child Conservative League will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the lecture room of the First Methodist church at 7:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present.

## "Fatty" Arbuckle—Strand, Tuesday and Wednesday.—advertisement

Watch for the big joy festival—advertisement.

## AN EXHIBITION DRILL AND BIG BAND CONCERT

TROOP C, 106 CAVALRY WILL  
STAGE DRILL ON STREETS  
WEDNESDAY EVENING

### High Class Band Concert Follows

Troop C, 106th Cavalry of the Michigan National Guard, which was formed in this city some weeks ago, and which has just returned from a strenuous fifteen days of intensive training at Camp Grayling, will give an exhibition drill on the streets of Alma Wednesday evening, September 7, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. Immediately following the exhibition a band concert will be given for the entertainment of the crowds that are certain to attend the drill.

The band that will give the concert will be composed of some of the best musicians in Alma, which abounds in good musical talent, and a fine concert is assured.

The cavalry unit which went to Grayling early in August was composed at that time of a bunch of men who were earnest in their desire to have a first-class unit here, but many of them unfamiliar with the rudiments of the drill work of such a unit. Following the intensive training at Grayling, they returned to Alma as a troop with a good knowledge of its work. The exhibition drill will give Alma people a first-class opportunity to see the unit at work and note the splendid results that have already been secured by the training that the men have undergone.

Captain Reese of the Cavalry troop has announced that he has secured Col. Heinrich Pickert of Detroit as a speaker for next Wednesday evening. Col. Pickert was a member of the famous "Red Arrows" and an excellent soldier. He is also rated as a fine speaker. Alma people may feel privileged to hear Col. Pickert.

During the past few weeks equipment has been arriving and practically everything is now here except for the horses. This includes the uniforms and personal equipment, a five ton truck, Browning automatic rifles, revolvers, sidearms, ammunition, saddles and other equipment for the horses, mess kits, tents, etc.

Yesterday Captain Reese of the Troop received word from Col. Calvert at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, to the effect that the horses are about ready for shipment from that place. The delay in the shipment of the horses has been due to the fact that they are green and many of them had to be broken before they were shipped to this city.

The Troop hopes in the near future as soon as funds for the purpose are provided to get an armory for this city. One of the things that is needed for an armory is for the community, in which the troop is located, to furnish the site for the structure. Present funds for this purpose have been practically exhausted and until further funds are authorized, there will be no opportunity to press the state authorities for an armory. It should not be more than three years at the outside, however, before Alma is able to secure such a building.

## Potts Heads The Probate Judges

At the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Association of Probate Judges of the State of Michigan, held last week at Mt. Clemens, the Honorable J. Lee Potts of Ithaca, former judge of probate of Gratiot county, was elected to head the state body. Officers elected by the association follow: President, J. Lee Potts of Ithaca; vice-president, Henry S. Hulbert of Detroit; secretary-treasurer, Ralph J. Hyde of Midland. The members of the association, over sixty in number, who attended the sessions at Mt. Clemens, voted to hold the meeting of the association at Lansing next year.

## CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. A. Burghland, residing on Riverside Drive, celebrated their golden wedding at their home here on Friday, August 26. Their children were all home to aid them celebrate the event, those from outside of the city being Mrs. Carrie May of Defiance, Ohio; Mrs. Frank L. May of Chicago and Mrs. R. H. Atkins of Flint. Mr. and Mrs. Burghland have resided in this city for upwards of twelve years.

## Auto Races, Saginaw, Labor Day—Advertisement

Wm. S. Hart—Strand, Sunday and Monday.—advertisement

## NEW CITY DIRECTORY ALMOST READY

The new city directory of 127 pages, which covers not only the residents of Alma, but also covers the rural free delivery routes from the local postoffice, will be ready for distribution within two or three days. If your order is not in, it may be left with The Record, publishers of the directory. Price 50 cents per copy.

## Rule Reunion Held on Sunday

The Rule family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William O. Knight, on Pleasant avenue, Sunday, August 28. The day was very pleasantly spent by the twenty-seven members of the family who attended the annual event. Among those present were Miss Neva Rule of Leipsic, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Rule and daughters of Crystal, Mr. and Mrs. George Rule and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Rule, Forest Rule and Mr. and Mrs. William Rule and family of Alma, and Miss Doris Bradford of Breckenridge.

## PAVING PROJECTS LAID ON TABLE

PLANS FOR PAVING S. WOOD-  
WORTH TABLED WITH THOSE  
FOR OTHER STREETS

The last blocks of the monument of paving that was planned for construction here this year by the city went tumbling at the city commission meeting last Thursday evening, leaving only the twenty foot spans of paving on the state trunk line roads in Alma and the added widths of several feet by the city, as the only portion of the early season plans.

Recently because of objections on the part of residents of various streets, which were due to lack of employment and the period of depression, the paving projects except on South Woodworth avenue, were laid over until conditions get better.

Last week Thursday evening at the adjourned meeting of the commission it was decided in view of the objections to the paving on this street, which were based on the same grounds as those on other projects, to lay this work over until next year.

Action was taken by the commission so that none of the work that has been done in preparing plans, etc., on the paving work on the various streets will be lost.

Because of the expectation that the city would pave these streets this year, the city's share of the cost of the paving was put in the budget which was passed and spread, and it will be paid in this year's taxes, which are payable at the present time.

As a result it will probably be possible for the city to do a great amount of paving next year without causing any material change in the summer or city tax of 1922.

## Horse Upkeep Costs Show A Big Drop

East Lansing, August 31.—It will cost the average Michigan farmer about seventy dollars less to keep a horse next year than it did during the twelve months ending May 1, 1921, according to statistics just released by H. M. Elliot, head of the farm management department at the Michigan Agricultural College.

Direct cost of upkeep averaged \$163 a horse last year, while \$94 is given as the average expense per animal on the basis of present feed prices. Statistics upon which these estimates are based were gathered on a so-called farm accounting route in Wayne and Monroe counties. A careful check on 118 horses on 25 different farms was kept by a field man from the college, who co-operated with the individual farmers in keeping records. The data was compiled by F. T. Riddell, of the M. A. C. experiment station.

Items entering into direct costs on horse maintenance included: Grain (oats and corn) \$56.70; roughage (corn stover, hay mixed, pasture and bedding) \$105.91; miscellaneous (depreciation, inventory, horse purchases, depreciation, etc.) \$25.15. From this total was deducted \$11.03 for horse sales, and \$13.74 for manure value, leaving the cost per animal \$163. In addition, the average investment per horse and equipment is placed at \$158 by the college statisticians.

Similar cost accounting work on gas power and other general farm costs is being carried out by the college, and results for comparative work will be available in the near future.

Strand Theater open every night beginning next week.—advertisement

## ATTENDANCE AT ALMA COLLEGE WILL BE LARGE

DROPPING OF KINDERGARTEN  
DEPT. WILL NOT SHRINK  
THE ATTENDANCE

### Splendid Year Is Anticipated

The attendance at Alma college this coming year is expected to be large, although whether or not it will set a record in attendance figures is doubtful, because of the loss that will be sustained in abolishing the kindergarten department, which was discontinued last June.

There is little question, however, but what the number of students enrolling for the regular college courses will exceed the mark of any previous year to a considerable extent. It is on this basis that the true growth of the college for the year must be considered, and not on attendance figures of past years, which include those who were taking the work of the kindergarten department.

The many inquiries in regard to the college during the past few weeks, and which are steadily coming, is a matter of surprise and indicates the fact that during the past year Alma college has received much very highly valuable advertising. Much of the publicity that has been derived by the college during the past year, which is believed to be having a big effect on the probable attendance figures, is credited to the endowment campaign, which carried the name of the college to the four corners of the state, and which carried the name of the college young people of Michigan in a far better light than ever before.

This publicity coupled with some valuable work on the part of the field workers is showing results, the extent of which of course cannot be properly measured until after college opens, September 13.

While it is still nearly two weeks before Alma college opens for the fall term, it is understood that there are only three rooms in Wright hall and three in Pioneer hall, which have not been applied for.

It is not a surprising thing that deposits should be made on so many rooms at Wright hall at this time, but it is regarded rather surprising that deposits have been made for all excepting three rooms in Pioneer hall. Usually the men who attend Alma college do not make their room deposits until just a few days before leaving for college or as is the case many times, until they arrive in Alma.

With only three rooms left in each of the halls, it is now expected that the dormitories of the college will prove insufficient to house the number of students who desire to attend college here, and a fine year is being expected as a result.

One or two new instructors are still to be secured, and it is expected that when President Crooks returns from his Chicago and Danville trip at the end of the week, that the announcement of these instructors will be made.

## STATE IS TAKING VEHICLE CENSUS

WANTS KNOWLEDGE OF HEAVY  
TRAVELED ROADS IN VIEW  
TO IMPROVEMENT

On the various trunk line highways leading in and out of the city of Alma and throughout Gratiot county as well as in every other county of the state, it is believed that there is a large and ever increasing amount of motor vehicle traffic, and a decrease in the number of horse drawn vehicles.

Off hand this may not seem to be an important matter, but to the state highway department it looms up as an important proposition, and hence it is not a just because the department is curious to find out the number of such vehicles that pass over these roads that a census of such vehicles on the trunk line highways is being taken. It is a matter of prime importance to the department to have this information, so that the roads which have the greatest amount of traffic and need the greatest amount of maintenance may be rebuilt with the best type of road surface.

This will undoubtedly explain to many motorists the man that they have seen perched in a good resting place on some trunk line road of recent weeks, jotting down figures every time an automobile or horse-drawn vehicle went by.